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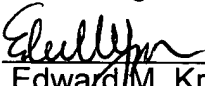
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the

following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,103,666, inventor Bone, issued September 17, 1963;
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,872,806, inventor Bone, issued March 25, 1975;
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,990,619, inventor Russell, issued November 9, 1976;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,039,078, inventor Bone, issued August 2, 1977;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,456,161, inventor Russell, issued June 26, 1984;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,462,784, inventor Russell, issued July 31, 1984;
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,533,076, inventor Bourque, issued August 6, 1985;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,489,057, inventor Deschenes, issued February 6, 1996;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,987,719, inventor Cooper, issued November 23, 1999; and
10. Commonly-owned, pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/740,700, inventors
Charles L. Deschenes and Daniel Gilbertson, filed December 19, 2000.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these

documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the

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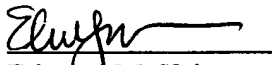
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